

The FRIENDS of
BAY CITY STATE RECREATION AREA

21st Annual



Winter Festival

Saturday, February 15, 9AM-6:30PM
Bay City State Recreation Area

Sponsored by
Frank's Great Outdoors
Saginaw Bay Walleye Club

A Michigan State Parks, "GET OUTDOORS!" EVENT
Discover New Ways to Enjoy Winter's
Free Fishing Weekend!

Highlights Include:

9AM-12:30PM Youth Ice Fishing Clinic, 9AM-1:30PM Ice Fishing Derby
10AM-1PM-3:30 Snow Snake Clinic, 1:30PM Snow Snake Tournament
9:30, 11, 12:30, 2, 3:30 Snowshoe Hikes
6pm Owl Calling Hike.....Read On for a Complete List of Activities!

Thank you to these Winter Fest 2014 contributors:

Frank's Great Outdoors
Saginaw Bay Walleye Club

**Shankool State Farm! &
Bay County Civic Arena**

Just Add Snow!

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9AM-12:30PM **Ice Fishing Clinic— Make Your Own Ice Fishing Pole** Try out this great outdoor sport with your own hand-made pole & lure. Free materials. Includes Ice fishing tips, Fish ID and Ice Safety. Begins in Lobby

9AM-2PM **Ice Fishing Derby** Join the ice fishing crew from Frank's Great Outdoors and the Saginaw Bay Walleye Club! They'll be down on the Tobico Lagoon Dock helping you experience Michigan's Free Fishing Weekend! We'll provide the poles and the bait! Take a peek at the latest ice fishing shanties and glean tips and techniques for catching fish. Free raffle drawing for great prizes for everyone who tries out this great outdoor sport! Trophy for the largest fish caught by 1:30PM today. Free Hot Cocoa! Raffle 2:30PM Back Porch

9AM-11AM **Birds Up Close** Bird banding demo & view birds through a spotting scope with naturalist, in the warmth of the field observation room.

9:30AM **Winter Wetlander's Snowshoe Hike** Explore the history of snow travel & how to choose snowshoes with Delta College's Dave Bledsoe. Followed by guided hike out into Tobico Marsh on snowshoes! Sign up at the Lobby Information Desk. Meet in the new Activity Shelter near visitor center. Also at 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm, 2pm, 3:30pm.

9:30AM-2:30PM **Snowman Building Contest & Snow Angel Contest** Register at the Jr. Ranger Sign-up Table in Lobby. Families can create a snowman or snow angel before 3PM to be eligible for a prize! Prizes awarded at appx. 3pm on back porch.

9:30AM & 12:30PM **DNR Ice Safety** Tips from DNR Conservation Officers on how to stay safe on the ice when fishing, a great way to help parents reinforce ice safety with their children—Video presentation in Auditorium

10AM-1PM **Make A Snow Snake!** Begin before 1pm. Learn about this traditional Native American sport, create your own snow snake and then try it out at the 1:30pm snow snake tournament. Will yours travel the farthest across the ice??? Sanding, carving, decorating and waxing the snow snake is a Native American craft. Enter yours in the snow snake art contest, 1pm, for a chance for a prize. Begins in Meeting Room.

10AM **Bird Hike** Join naturalist guide & see how many birds are at the winter festival today! Start your life bird list today. Tips on bird ID & binoculars. Meet in Field Ob. Rm.

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11AM **Wetland Friends Story Time** "North Country Night" is the featured story children can enjoy and then make an animal mask. Field Observation Room

11AM **Snow Ball Tournament** Can you throw a snow ball the farthest? Can you hit your target? Prizes for each champ! Meet at the new Activity Shelter near flagpole.

11:30AM **Winter Wetlander's Bird Hike** Naturalist guided hike. Discover winter birds, animal track stories and winter nature lore! Meet in the Field Observation Room

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12PM **Snow Relay Races** **Winter Relay Snowshoe Race & more!** A wild race to the finish line for two man relay teams, sled pull race and other fun winter relays. Meet at the new Activity Shelter near flagpole.

12PM **Tracks!** Discover ways to identify the tracks and signs wildlife leave behind in the snow from naturalist guide! Meet in the Field Observation Room

12:00PM **Puppet Show** Learn from Marge & Gramps and their animal friends tips for ice fishing and winter survival. Auditorium

12:30PM **Snowshoe Expedition** Try out this ingenious Native American method of winter transportation on a hike through the wetlands of Tobico. Sign up at the Information Desk. Space Limited repeated at 2pm, 3:30pm.

12:30PM **Ice Crystal Treasure Dig** A fun treasure hunt for frozen "crystals" of ice with special trinkets frozen inside. For kids 10 & under. Find the special crystal and win a new sled. Sponsored by Shankool State Farm Insurance. Meet at the new Activity Shelter near flagpole.

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1PM **Bird BINGO** Fun way to get to know the birds that can be attracted to your backyard feeder this winter in this fun educational game! Prizes. Auditorium.

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1PM **Snow Sled Races** A wild race to the finish line for two man sled teams, race and other fun winter relays. Meet at the new Activity Shelter near flagpole.

1:30PM **Tobico Snow Snake Contest** Whose snow snake will slide the farthest? Kids will try out their skill & their snow snakes for a chance to win a medal. Race will be conducted in heats and is fun to watch. Medals & prizes for winners. Contestants and spectators meet in Meet at the new Activity Shelter near flagpole.

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2PM **Winter Birds 101** Meet the winter birds who are Michigan Winter Survivors! Learn tips on how to attract them to attract them to your yard. Learn ways to attract more birds /why we need to keep it clean Meeting Room Free bird feeder to first 20 families....

2:00PM **Winter Mammals** Discover who they are, and where to find them. Museum

2:30PM **Ice Fishing Raffle** Great prizes to be given away to those who took the Ice Fishing Challenge! Trophy for the largest fish. Free raffle tickets to all anglers. Back Porch

3PM **Live Birds of Prey** You won't want to miss this exciting encounter with live hawks and owls and biologist Joe Rogers. Find out Wildlife Discovery is working to help rehabilitate these birds and why!! Auditorium

3:30PM **Snowshoe Expedition** Try out this ingenious Native American method of winter transportation on a hike through the wetlands of Tobico. Sign up at the Information Desk. Space Limited

4PM **Scavenger Hunt Race** A fun competition and a race around the Lagoon to discover what you can find and how fast! Begins in meeting room

TBA **Winter Survival** Backcountry basics: tips on dressing for winter cold, shelter building, map and compass and more!

4:30PM **Michigan's Northern Owls** A Non-Game Fund Wildlife Fund special slide presentation on Michigan's owls, habitat needs and tips on identification. Auditorium.

5PM **Owl Puke Lab** Discovery lab investigating the food chain of the owl. Mtg Rm

5:30PM **Owl Call Game** Learn to ID the calls of our common owls through this fun listening game. A fun way to prepare for the evening owl calling hike. Auditorium

6:00PM **Owl Calling Hike** A naturalist guided experience, utilizing special wildlife calling equipment we will attempt to call in owls from their winter roosts. Dress for night time temperatures.

Don't Miss Kid's Kraft Korner

Ongoing Throughout the Day

Fun "make & take" craft projects which will help you appreciate Michigan's Wintry Great Outdoors!

Earn a Free Jr. Ranger Patch

Sign up in lobby for your card—attend 6 activities to earn your patch!

Hot Popcorn & Cocoa Concession

Located on the Visitor Center Back Porch.

A Geocache Treasure Hunt

Try out a GPS and Locate a hidden cache. Outer Lobby

